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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: March 8, 2023
FILE NO: 022-05416-0277-055

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**FROM:** JASON P. WOLAK, COMMANDER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
DIVISION

**TO:** PILAR CHAVEZ, CAPTAIN
EAST LOS ANGELES STATION

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

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| Case Number: | SH2553108 |
| Incident: | Non-Hit Shooting |
| Incident Date: | April 15, 2022 |
| Unit: | East Los Angeles Station |
| Suspect(s): | Rogelio Rodriguez, MH/110298 |
| Involved Employees: | Deputy Jaime Robles, [redacted]<br>Deputy Xavier Zeas, [redacted] |
| EFRC Date: | February 2, 2023 |
| Statute Date: | April 14, 2023 |

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Hugo Macias, Yolanda R. Figueroa, and Jason P. Wolak (Chair) met and reviewed the above case.

**FINDINGS:**

The EFRC Panel determined the force and tactics used by Deputy Robles were within Department policy.

The EFRC Panel determined the tactics used by Deputy Zeas were within Department policy.

The Panel noted the tactics employed by Deputy Zeas during the felony stop could have been better.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the facts of this case and an assessment of the aggravating and mitigating factors, the Panel recommended that Deputies Robles and Zeas attend the following Department training courses:

- Tactics and Survival I
- Tactics and Survival - Critical Incident Response (High Risk)

Central Patrol Division Acting Chief Bobby Wyche concurred with the Panels findings and recommendations.

JPW:DJW:djw

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## MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

Unit History Report for Unit 20E3, EM Shift: [redacted] Hours, Shift Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

EM Shift In-Service, East Los Angeles, Saturday, April 16, 2022

Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles, Felony Complaint under Case Number BA504674

Minute Order, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Suspect Rodriguez's Los Angeles County Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System Transcript

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Deputy Robles' Weapons Qualification and Training Record

Deputy Robles' Peace Officer Standards and Training Profile Report

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# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

# Officer Involved Shooting



| Report Date: | Bureau/Station/Facility: | Admin. Invest.? | Hit? |
|---|---|---|---|
| April 15, 2022 | Central Patrol Division/East Los Angeles Station | [x] | [ ] |

## Incident Information

| URN: | Date: | Time: |
|---|---|---|
| 022-05416-0277-055 | April 15, 2022 | 2332 Hours |

City or Station: East Los Angeles Station

Location: [redacted] East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles

Nature of Incident: A deputy-involved shooting occurred when the driver reversed his vehicle toward the deputies at the terminus of a vehicle pursuit.

**Location Type (check one or more):**
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [x] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [x] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [x] Parking Lot
- [ ] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [ ] Street
- Other: 

**Lighting (check only one):**
- [x] Darkness
- [ ] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [x] Street Lights

**Weather (circle only one):**
- [x] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance: 6 feet

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 3

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

**Incident Type (check one or more):**
- [ ] Accidental
- [x] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [x] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [x] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other: 

**Initiated by (check only one):**
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [ ] Call
- [x] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [x] Two Person Unit

**Prior Activity (check only one):**
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [x] Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? [x] Canine Unit? [ ]

## Employee Witnesses

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. | ShiftTime (check only one) | ShiftType (check only one) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Zeas | Xavier | S. | [x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty |
| | | | | [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty |
| | | | | [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty |

## Non-Employee Witnesses

| Last Name | First Name | M.I. | Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph | Home Ph |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] |

## Supervisors

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. | (check one or more) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Jimenez | Ruben | | [x] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting |
| | | | | [ ] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting |

## Watch Sergeant

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Gonzalez | Anselmo | C |

## Watch Commander

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Puebla | Victor | |

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SH # 2553108

# Officer Involved Shooting
# Involved Employee Information

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## Involved Employee

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Robles | First Name: Jaime | M.I.: I |
| Sex: M Race: H | Rank: Deputy Sheriff | Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 20E3 |
| ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used: None |
| Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? [x] |
| Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [x] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors: |
| Age: 26 Height: 505 | Weight: 160 | | |
| Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date: | |
| Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: 0 Directed Force: [ ] |
| Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber: 9 # Shots: 3 | | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots: | |
| Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. |
| Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. [redacted] |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
| Sex: Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
| ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used: |
| Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? [ ] |
| Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors: |
| Age: Height: | Weight: | | |
| Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date: | |
| Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ] |
| Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots: | | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots: | |
| Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
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| Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? [ ] |
| Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors: |
| Age: Height: | Weight: | | |
| Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date: | |
| Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ] |
| Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots: | | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots: | |
| Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
| Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |



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# Officer Involved Shooting
# Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

**S 1**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Last Name: Rodriguez | | First Name: Rogelio | M.I. |
| **AKA** Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| Sex: M  Race: H | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted] |
| Work Phone: | Home Phone: [redacted] | Social Security #: | Driver's License #: [redacted] |
| Age: 23  D.O.B. 11/02/1998 | Height: 510  Weight: 240 | FBI # [redacted] | CII # [redacted] |
| Booking # 6361048 | Primary Charge: 245(c) PC | Secondary Charge: 29800(a)(1) PC | |
| Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used: |
| Armed? ☑ | Apprehended? ☑ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? [redacted] |
| Vehicle Make: BMW  Model: 530i | Year: 2006  Parole: Yes | Probation: Yes | Prior Felony Conviction: [redacted] |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| **AKA** Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| Sex:  Race: | Street Address: | City | State & Zip Code: |
| Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Social Security #: | Driver's License #: |
| Age:  D.O.B. | Height:  Weight: | FBI # | CII # |
| Booking # | Primary Charge: | Secondary Charge: | |
| Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used: |
| Armed? ☐ | Apprehended? ☐ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? ☐ |
| Vehicle Make  Model: | Year:  Parole: | Probation: | Prior Felony Conviction: |

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| Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| **AKA** Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| Sex:  Race: | Street Address: | City | State & Zip Code: |
| Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Social Security #: | Driver's License #: |
| Age:  D.O.B. | Height:  Weight: | FBI # | CII # |
| Booking # | Primary Charge: | Secondary Charge: | |
| Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used: |
| Armed? ☐ | Apprehended? ☐ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? ☐ |
| Vehicle Make  Model: | Year:  Parole: | Probation: | Prior Felony Conviction: |

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| Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| **AKA** Last Name | | First Name | M.I. |
| Sex:  Race: | Street Address: | City | State & Zip Code: |
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| Armed? ☐ | Apprehended? ☐ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? ☐ |
| Vehicle Make  Model: | Year:  Parole: | Probation: | Prior Felony Conviction: |



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# SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
## Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



**Non-Employee Witnesses**

| Last Name | First Name | M.I. | Street Address | Zip Code | Work Ph | Home Ph |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | None stated |
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## Rollout Information

| Arrival Date | Arrival Time | Date Submitted | Date of Recommendation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 06/16/2022 | 0200 Hours | 01/04/2023 | |

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Thomas | Patricia | T |
| [redacted] | Grubb | Benjamin | C |
| [redacted] | Huerta | Argelia | |

## Shooting / Force Information

### Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

### Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

### Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

### Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

### Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

## *FORCE APPLIED* *(one code per block)*

| Used By (E# or S#) | Used Against (E# or S#) | Method (Code) | Brand (Code) | Caliber (Code) | Authorized Weapon? (Y/N) | Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S#1 | E#1 | OV | | | | | NN | |
| E#1 | S#1 | FH | SW | 9 | Y | Y | NN | |
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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

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|---|---|
| **INCIDENT:** | **On Duty Non-Hit Shooting** |
| **IAB FILE NUMBER:** | **SH 2553108** |
| **URN#:** | **022-05416-0277-055** |
| **DATE/TIME:** | **April 15, 2022 / 2332 Hours** |
| **LOCATION:** | **[redacted] Olympic Boulevard<br>Los Angeles, CA 90023** |

## SYNOPSIS

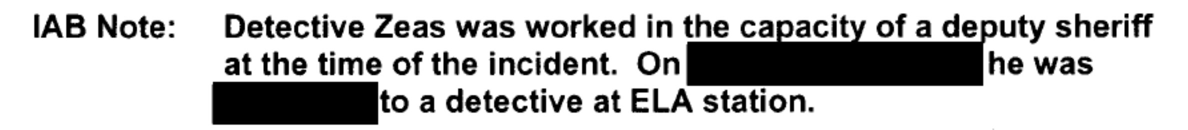
On April 15, 2022, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) response team comprised of Lieutenant Patricia Thomas, Sergeants Argelia Huerta, and Ben Grubb, responded to East Los Angeles Station (ELA) regarding an on duty deputy-involved non-hit shooting.

Lieutenant Thomas confirmed the on-duty watch commander, Lieutenant Victor Puebla, #[redacted] took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Thomas confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detective Nikolis Perez, [redacted] and Deputy Jonathan Rojas, [redacted] assigned to ELA, assumed control of the criminal investigation. Information regarding their investigation was documented within the incident, supplemental, and search warrant reports under Uniform Report Number (URN) 022-05416-0277-055 **[Exhibit A - Reports]**.

## SUMMARY

On April 15, 2022, Deputy Robles, [redacted] and Detective Xavier Zeas, [redacted] worked a two-person car assigned as ELA Unit 20E3. They worked the PM shift from [redacted] hours and were assigned to work the EM shift from [redacted] hours. Deputy Robles was the driver, and Detective Zeas was the front passenger.


**IAB Note: Detective Zeas was worked in the capacity of a deputy sheriff at the time of the incident. On [redacted] he was [redacted] to a detective at ELA station.**

At approximately 2325 hours, Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas conducted crime suppression patrol in a marked black and white patrol vehicle on the 3500 block of 1st Street in the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles. Both deputies were familiar with the area and recognized it as being frequented by the criminal street gang, "El Hoyo Maravilla." They drove west on 1st Street, near Alma Avenue, at approximately three to five miles per hours, and observed a black BMW (California license plate number [redacted] travel east on 1st Street in the opposite direction at approximately 15 miles per hour.

As the vehicle drove toward the deputies, they noticed the vehicle had its side windows tinted. Through the front windshield, they recognized the driver as Rogelio Rodriguez (Suspect Rodriguez) from previous contacts and being on [redacted] Suspect Rodriguez was a gang member of "El Hoyo Maravilla" with the moniker of "Bigs." Simultaneously, through the front windshield of Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle, the deputies observed the front passenger point a firearm at them. The front passenger was a light skinned male Hispanic in his early twenties who wore a light-colored shirt and a baseball cap. Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas only observed two occupants inside the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Robles continued driving west on 1st Street and made a U-turn at the intersection of 1st Street and Indiana Street. Indiana Street was the next street west of Alma Avenue. Deputy Robles traveled east on 1st Street while Suspect Rodriguez turned south on Hicks Avenue from 1st Street. The deputies turned south on Hicks Avenue and requested emergency radio clearance to initiate a pre-stop coordination of a 417 vehicle, although they later stated that they believed the suspect committed an assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer.

**IAB Note: A pre-stop coordination begins prior to attempting a vehicle stop and ends with the activation of lights and siren. The tactics employed and the purpose is to increase the safety of deputies as well as discourage the suspect's inclination/ability to flee.**

After the deputies turned south on Hicks Avenue, they noticed Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle was midblock, approaching 3rd Street, as he increased his speed. After they received emergency radio clearance, deputies initiated a vehicle pursuit after turning west on 3rd Street. Detective Zeas advised they were in pursuit of a vehicle that contained an occupant who brandished a firearm **[Exhibit B - Dispatch 3 Radio Traffic]**. The pursuit traversed south on Lorena Street, west on the Interstate 60 Freeway, and west on the Interstate 10 Freeway. Detective Zeas provided updated speeds, traffic conditions, and locations throughout the pursuit.

The field sergeant, Sergeant Ruben Jimenez, #[redacted] and several field units acknowledged the radio traffic and responded to the vehicle pursuit. An occupant in Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle discarded a black object while driving westbound on the Interstate 10 Freeway along the Santa Fe Avenue/Mateo Street exit. Air 22 acknowledged the emergent radio traffic and advised they would respond with an estimated arrival time of 5 minutes.

**IAB Note: Assisting units were unable to locate the discarded object on the freeway.**

Suspect Rodriguez exited the Interstate 10 Freeway, at the Santa Fe Avenue/Mateo Street exit, and drove north on Mateo Street, then east on 7th Street. He turned south on Mission Road alongside the Los Angeles River and onto the private property of a trucking company at 2555 Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles.

**IAB Note: Detective Zeas inadvertently broadcasted that the pursuit traveled south on Mateo Street instead of north as they exited the freeway.**

Suspect Rodriguez proceeded through an upward ramp with access to a locked chain link fence. Suspect Rodriguez rammed his vehicle into the locked gate, and the vehicle became stalled at the top of the ramp. The collision caused the chain link fence to fall and obstruct the pathway. The front passenger, who initially pointed his firearm at deputies, exited the rear passenger side door of the vehicle and ran southeast on Rio Vista Avenue toward the Olympic Boulevard overpass and out of view. Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas did not pursue the front passenger.

**IAB Note: The vehicle pursuit lasted approximately four minutes and 49 seconds, and the estimated total distance was approximately 4.25 miles, with an average speed of 53 MPH. The cold line communication [Exhibit B - ELA Cold Line] was established by the ELA watch commander [Vehicle Pursuit Evaluation Document].**

Deputy Robles positioned his patrol vehicle approximately one car length behind Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle and detained the occupant at gunpoint. Simultaneously, while Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas detained the suspect vehicle at gun point, Suspect Rodriguez intentionally reversed his vehicle, at a high rate of speed, and collided into the front driver's side bumper of the patrol vehicle. Suspect Rodriguez drove his vehicle in the direction of Deputy Robles, who was positioned adjacent to the driver's side door of his patrol vehicle. Deputy Robles believed Suspect Rodriguez was about to strike him with the vehicle. Fearing for his life, Deputy Robles fired three rounds from his firearm at Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Detective Zeas broadcasted emergent radio traffic, indicating a deputy-involved shooting had occurred.

Suspect Rodriguez stopped the vehicle, and the deputies took cover behind their patrol vehicle and waited for assisting units. After the deputy involved shooting, a female occupant (Witness [redacted] yelled she was shot. Shortly after the deputy involved shooting, Sergeant Jimenez and assisting units arrived at the scene. The deputies were concerned an occupant inside the vehicle was wounded. They formulated a tactical plan and approached the vehicle with a shield so they could provide medical aid. As they approached the vehicle, the deputies removed Suspect Rodriguez and Witness [redacted] from the vehicle and handcuffed them. Neither of the occupants were injured. Suspect Rodriguez and Witness [redacted] were both arrested **[Miscellaneous Documents - Booking Records].**

A containment was established to apprehend the front passenger who ran; however, he was not located. A firearm was recovered from the floorboard, behind the driver's seat, inside Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Utilizing Department resources, ELA detectives subsequently identified the front passenger as [redacted] Witness [redacted] was arrested on May 17, 2022, for assault with a firearm on a peace officer, Penal Code section 245(d)(1) **[Miscellaneous Documents - Booking Records].**

ELA detectives arrived at the scene and assumed control of the crime scene and investigation. ELA deputies collected evidence, spoke to civilian witnesses, and completed a criminal investigation **[Exhibit A - Reports]**.

Deputy personnel were equipped with body-worn cameras.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

**Jaime Robles, Deputy Sheriff,** [redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

### Work History

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|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | July 11, 2016 |
| Date Assigned to ELA Station: | January 27, 2019 |
| Date Completed Patrol Training: | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: | None |
| Prior Category 3 Force Incidents: | None |

### Equipment Worn on Person

Deputy Robles wore a long sleeve Class "A" uniform, a bullet-resistant vest, a Sam Browne duty belt, and a BWC. The equipment on his duty belt included:

Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 9mm
Magazine pouch with two (2) fully loaded magazines

Two (2) sets of handcuffs
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray
Expandable baton
Department issued radio
Flashlight
Tourniquet
Keys

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

**Rogelio Rodriguez**

Male, Hispanic, DOB: November 2, 1998, 5'10", 240 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) **[Miscellaneous Documents]** revealed Suspect Rodriguez had [redacted]

## SUSPECT'S INJURIES

None.

## DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None.

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence at the scene was identified and collected by the following Scientific Services Bureau (SSB) Field Identification Specialists II (FIS II): Mira Amin, [redacted] Danielle Tiesma, [redacted] Ralph Chapman, [redacted] and Jenny Kung, [redacted]

For a description of the evidence collection and diagram sketches, see the Crime Scene Investigation Reports **[Exhibit C - Crime Lab Reports].**

## INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Three hours transpired from the shooting to IAB investigators' observations.

The scene was described and documented with photographs in detail by the SSB personnel **[Exhibit B - Crime Lab Photographs]**. The scene consisted of a ramp at an access gate in the south parking lot of 2555 Olympic Boulevard. The access gate bordered Rio Vista Avenue. An LASD black and white Ford Explorer SH8054, CA

exempt plate number 1554774, and a black BMW 503i, CA license plate number [redacted] appeared to have been involved in a collision and were parked north of the damaged gate. A security shack was located west of the access gate. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB investigator's observations.

## WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ROBLES

Deputy Robles fired three rounds of Department-issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0, semi-automatic firearm, serial number NER6808, with a "SureFire" mounted light attached under the barrel.

On April 16, 2022, a round count was done with Deputy Robles in the presence of Deputy Miguel Leon, [redacted] Deputy Danny Galvez, [redacted] FIS II Amin, FIS II Chapman, and ELA Sergeant Jimenez. The physical round count of Deputy Robles' firearm was done by FIS II Chapman. The firearm contained 1 round in the chamber and 14 rounds in the magazine. Before the shooting, Deputy Robles' firearm was loaded with 17 rounds in the magazine and 1 round in the chamber.

FIS Chapman subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. On April 19, 2022, Deputy Robles' firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Aaron Lewis, [redacted] and found to be functional **[Exhibit C - Crime Lab Reports]**.

Three (3) expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene **[Exhibit C - Crime Lab Reports].**

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

**IAB Note:** **Deputy Robles' firearm had two different types of Department authorized ammunition; three Winchester Ranger 9mm Luger rounds and 12 Federal Premium 9mm Luger rounds.**

## WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Suspect Rodriguez utilized a 2006 black BMW 530i, CA license plate number [redacted] as a weapon when he drove the vehicle in the direction of Deputy Robles.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE

The Crime Scene Investigation Report indicated the following holes and impacts were observed **[Exhibit C - Crime Lab Reports]:**

The access gate was damaged and bent.

A black 2006 BMW 530i, CA license plate number [redacted] sustained bullet holes and damage to the front bumper, hood, front driver-side quarter panel, front passenger side

door, and passenger side rear panel. The driver's side window, front windshield, and rear passenger side window were shattered.

An LASD black and white Ford Explorer (CA license plate number 1554774), Sheriff's identification number SH8054, had damage on the front quarter panel, and the driver's side window was shattered.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

ELA Detective Perez and Deputy Rojas handled the criminal investigation. Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Kelly Sakir reviewed the investigation and charged Suspect Rodriguez with the following:

1. One count of 245(c) PC – Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer (vehicle).
2. One count of 29800(a)(1) PC – Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
3. One count of 2800.2(a) VC – Fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle.

The court case #BA504674 is ongoing with a pending court date of February 1, 2023 **[Miscellaneous Documents - Felony Complaint, Minute Order]**.

## LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place in the late evening hours. The area was dark. The patrol vehicle's headlamps, a light pole, and Deputy Robles' "SureFire" mounted light on his duty firearm provided illumination. The weather was approximately 54 degrees Fahrenheit with 85% humidity.

## RADIO TRANSMISSION

IAB investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communication Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit B - Dispatch 3 Radio Traffic]**. The referenced times indicated below are the elapsed times from the start of the radio traffic and not the actual time of day.

00:06: Unit 20E3, Detective Zeas, advised SCC they were in pursuit of a 417 (person with a firearm) vehicle
00:26: Unit 20S, Sergeant Jimenez, advised SCC he was enroute to the location
00:48: Air 22 advised SCC they were five minutes out
01:10: Detective Zeas advised SCC there was one occupant inside the vehicle
01:17: Sergeant Jimenez advised SCC he had an ETA of three minutes
01:41: Detective Zeas advised SCC to notify California Highway Patrol (CHP)
02:00: Detective Zeas advised SCC an object was thrown from the vehicle
04:11: Detective Zeas advised SCC the occupants were possibly going to bail
04:34: Detective Zeas advised SCC a 417 suspect ran from the vehicle

04:40: Detective Zeas advised SCC they were in a deputy involved shooting (998)
05:01: Air 22 advised they were overhead and looking for the deputies
05:20: Detective Zeas advised they were detaining one in the vehicle and provided a description of the fleeing suspect
05:32: Detective Zeas advised the first assisting unit where the fleeing suspect was last seen
05:54: Detective Zeas advised they did not have anyone in custody and were detaining at gunpoint
06:32: SCC provided the exact location for deputies
06:55: Air 22 located the deputies
07:30: Air 22 started to coordinate and direct assisting units where to set up
09:57: Detective Zeas advised paramedics (902R) was needed for an occupant who sustained a gunshot wound
10:28: Sergeant Jimenez advised there were enough units at the scene of the shooting and to focus on the containment for the fleeing suspect
11:33: SCC advised 902R would stage
12:13: Detective Zeas advised they were no longer needing assistance (Code 4) with the vehicle, detaining two occupants, and to focus on the containment
13:20: Detective Zeas advised there was no gunshot victim (GSV)
13:30: Detective Zeas requested the assistance of LAPD Hollenbeck
14:09: Sergeant Jimenez advised SCC to keep fire (fire department) on standby
14:18: SCC advised LAPD was notified and would respond to the scene
14:26: Command Post was established
14:45: Radio transmission advised 417 was inside the vehicle
15:29: SCC was advised to notify K-9
23:04: Air 22 advised the containment was well established
24:28: SCC designated Mutual Aid 3 as the tactical frequency

**BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEO REVIEW**

IAB investigators learned that involved ELA deputies were equipped with Body-Worn Cameras (BWC). The videos were placed on a flash drive **[Exhibit B - Videos, BWC].** IAB investigators identified twenty-six (26) BWC videos, three (3) of which provided information significant to the scope of this investigation. The videos were numbered 1 – 26 and included the name of the personnel equipped with the BWC. The following were summarized excerpts from the compiled video footage of the 3 significant BWC videos.

| Video - Name | Video Mark | Actual Time | Description |
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| 1 - Robles | 00:11 | 2326 Hours | Made a U-turn at First Street/Indiana Street |
| 1 - Robles | 01:59 | 2328 Hours | Unit 20S advised an ETA of 3 minutes |
| 1 - Robles | 02:23 | 2328 Hours | CHP requested |
| 1 - Robles | 02:39 | 2329 Hours | Object thrown from the suspect vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 03:14 | 2329 Hours | Advised the suspect vehicle was disabling |
| 1 - Robles | 04:40 | 2331 Hours | Suspect vehicle entered a parking lot |
| 1 - Robles | 04:48 | 2331 Hours | Advised he was going to bail |

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| 1 - Robles | 04:56 | 2331 Hours | Advised someone was getting out of the backseat and the back door was open |
| 1 - Robles | 05:30 | 2331 Hours | Advised it was a dead end and they rammed through the gate |
| 1 - Robles | 05:34 | 2331 Hours | Exited the patrol vehicle and ordered to see hands |
| 1 - Robles | 05:37 | 2332 Hours | Reverse lights are turned on by suspect vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 05:37 | 2332 Hours | Suspect vehicle drove in reverse toward Deputy Robles and the patrol vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 05:39 | 2332 Hours | Suspect vehicle collided into patrol vehicle and 998 occurred |
| 1 - Robles | 05:44 | 2332 Hours | Announced he was in a 998 |
| 1 - Robles | 05:46 | 2332 Hours | Continued to order to see hands |
| 1 - Robles | 06:46 | 2333 Hours | Airship arrived |
| 1 - Robles | 07:24 | 2333 Hours | Detective Zeas advised responding units an occupant fled from the suspect vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 08:34 | 2334 Hours | Advised they needed another unit because he was not sure how many occupants were inside the vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 09:00 | 2335 Hours | First responding unit is depicted in BWC |
| 1 - Robles | 09:53 | 2336 Hours | Advised responding units he believed there were still two occupants inside the vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 11:01 | 2337 Hours | Responding deputies and Sergeant Jimenez walk with the shield and 40mm |
| 1 - Robles | 11:05 | 2337 Hours | 902R requested |
| 1 - Robles | 12:15 | 2338 Hours | Two occupants extracted from the suspect vehicle |
| 1 - Robles | 13:36 | 2340 Hours | Deputy Robles handcuffed the female occupant |
| 1 - Robles | 14:00 | 2340 Hours | Female occupant advised she was not shot |
| 1 - Robles | 14:58 | 2341 Hours | Deputy Zeas advised there was no GSV |
| 1 - Robles | 16:23 | 2342 Hours | Confirmation of a firearm inside of the suspect vehicle over the radio |
| 2 - Zeas | 01:13 | 2327 Hours | Provided the suspect vehicle's license plate number of [redacted] |
| 2 - Zeas | 01:50 | 2328 Hours | Advised there was one occupant and the suspect vehicle's windows were tinted |
| 2 - Zeas | 02:40 | 2329 Hours | Advised black object was tossed from the suspect vehicle |
| 2 - Zeas | 03:37 | 2330 Hours | Advised the suspect vehicle was possibly disabled because of reduced speed |
| 2 - Zeas | 05:32 | 2332 Hours | Ordered the occupants to stay inside the vehicle |
| 2 - Zeas | 05:36 | 2332 Hours | Advised a suspect with a firearm fled from |

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| | | | the vehicle |
| 2 - Zeas | 05:36 | 2332 Hours | Suspect vehicle collided into patrol vehicle and 998 occurred |
| 2 - Zeas | 05:42 | 2332 Hours | Transmitted a 998 over the radio |
| 2 - Zeas | 06:01 | 2332 Hours | An occupant inside the suspect vehicle yelled, "Don't shoot!" |
| 2 - Zeas | 07:08 | 2333 Hours | Airship requested a definite location for deputies |
| 2 - Zeas | 08:09 | 2334 Hours | Provided the airship with the fleeing suspect's description and last seen location |
| 2 - Zeas | 08:35 | 2335 Hours | Airship established a containment |
| 2 - Zeas | 09:20 | 2335 Hours | Female occupant inside the suspect vehicle advised she was shot |
| 2 - Zeas | 09:58 | 2336 Hours | Advised there was no one seated in the driver's seat of the suspect vehicle |
| 2 - Zeas | 11:02 | 2337 Hours | Advised 902R was needed for the front passenger who stated she sustained a gunshot wound to her leg |
| 2 - Zeas | 13:02 | 2339 Hours | Advised responding units there was potential crossfire |
| 2 - Zeas | 14:56 | 2342 Hours | Advised there was no GSV and requested assistance of LAPD-Hollenbeck |
| 3 - Jimenez | 01:23 | 2328 Hours | Provided an ETA of 3 minutes |
| 3 - Jimenez | 08:35 | 2335 Hours | Advised he was Code 6; at the scene |
| 3 - Jimenez | 09:26 | 2336 Hours | Shield and 40mm retrieved from his patrol vehicle |
| 3 - Jimenez | 10:17 | 2337 Hours | Decision made to approach suspect vehicle |
| 3 - Jimenez | 10:27 | 2337 Hours | Approach to suspect vehicle |
| 3 - Jimenez | 10:44 | 2337 Hours | Two occupants seen inside the suspect vehicle upon approach |
| 3 - Jimenez | 15:07 | 2332 Hours | Advised to keep Fire on standby |
| 3 - Jimenez | 15:53 | 2342 Hours | Gathered a search team and delegated deputies to clear the surrounding area for the outstanding suspect |
| 3 - Jimenez | 17:26 | 2344 Hours | Located a civilian witness who saw the fleeing occupant run past her |

**SURVEILLANCE VIDEO**

ELA detectives obtained video surveillance footage of the incident, from the business, "Dependable Supply Chain Services," at 2555 Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles. IAB investigators reviewed the surveillance video footage. There was one video from the security booth which captured the moment Suspect Rodriguez collided against the fence and reversed his vehicle into the patrol vehicle **[Exhibit B - Videos, Video Surveillance, Video #3]**.

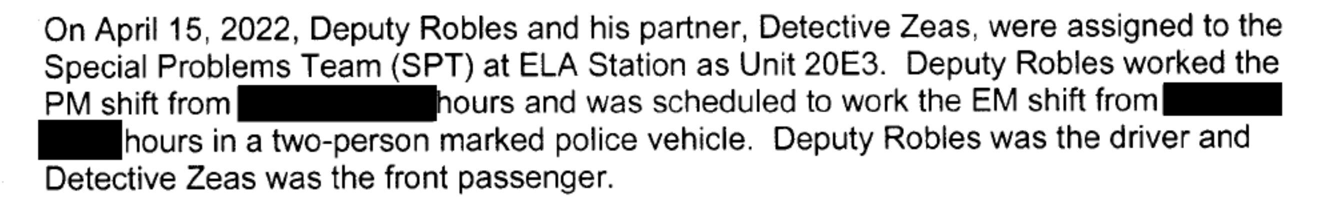
## STATEMENTS

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio-recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.*

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE

### Deputy Jaime Robles

On April 26, 2022, Deputy Robles was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Argelia Huerta and Benjamin Grubb. Attorney Ken Yuwiler, from the law firm Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC (RLS), represented Deputy Robles


On April 15, 2022, Deputy Robles and his partner, Detective Zeas, were assigned to the Special Problems Team (SPT) at ELA Station as Unit 20E3. Deputy Robles worked the PM shift from [redacted] hours and was scheduled to work the EM shift from [redacted] hours in a two-person marked police vehicle. Deputy Robles was the driver and Detective Zeas was the front passenger.

**IAB Note: The purpose of the SPT was to concentrate on community related problems which included street racing, illegal vending, and suspected criminal activity. Units assigned to the SPT are not issued calls for service.**

Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas conducted crime suppression patrol in the northwest area of East Los Angeles, frequented by the "El Hoyo Maravilla" criminal street gang. The deputies traveled west on 1st Street, around Alma Avenue, at approximately three to five miles per hour (mph) when they observed a black BMW with tinted windows traveling in the opposite direction. As both vehicles crossed the path in the opposite direction within two yards of distance, Deputy Robles recognized the driver from previous contacts as Suspect Rodriguez. Suspect Rodriguez was on active probation and a member of the "El Hoyo Maravilla" criminal street gang. Simultaneously, Deputy Robles' attention was immediately drawn to the front passenger, who held and pointed a firearm directly at him with his right hand. Deputy Robles described the firearm was black and gray in color and the front passenger as a light-skinned male Hispanic in his 20's, wearing a light-colored shirt and a baseball cap.

Deputy Robles stated the streetlights along 1st Street illuminated Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle's interior compartment. Deputy Robles looked at his partner, Detective Zeas, and asked, "Did you just see him point a firearm at us?" **(Interview Transcripts, Deputy Jaime Robles, page 31)**. Detective Zeas acknowledged he saw the front passenger point a firearm at them.

Deputy Robles continued west on 1st Street and communicated his observations with Detective Zeas. They discussed the option of a pre-stop coordination to prepare for a

felony traffic stop and to make a tactical approach to remove the occupants from the vehicle. Deputy Robles made a U-turn at the intersection of 1st Street and Indiana Street and followed the vehicle as the vehicle turned south on Hicks Avenue from 1st Street. The deputies lost a visual of the vehicle for approximately four seconds until they turned south on Hicks Avenue and relocated the vehicle mid-block on Hicks Avenue between 1st Street and 3rd Street. The deputies immediately initiated a vehicle pursuit and requested the emergency duplex patch radio frequency after the vehicle accelerated and attempted to evade deputies.

Suspect Rodriguez turned west on 3rd Street from Hicks Avenue; Detective Zeas began to broadcast the vehicle pursuit over the radio. The speeds of the vehicle pursuit fluctuated between 20 mph on surface streets to 70 mph on the freeway. Suspect Rodriguez straddled lanes and failed to stop at posted stop signs during the pursuit. Detective Zeas updated the speeds and traffic conditions. Deputy Robles saw an object discarded from the passenger side window of the suspect vehicle at the San Mateo off-ramp near the Interstate 101, 10, and 60 Freeway interchanges. Suspect Rodriguez reduced his speed to approximately 25 mph.

During the pursuit, as they drove through a warehouse parking lot, Deputy Robles noticed the passenger side door opened, and appeared someone was about to run out of the vehicle. As they continued through the warehouse parking lot, Deputy Robles saw a bridge and a riverbed. Deputy Robles believed occupants would try to run on the riverbed or drive through it. Instead, the suspect vehicle drove away from the wall of the riverbed and redirected its route toward a chain link fence. The chain link fence was locked and located on an upward ramp. Suspect Rodriguez continued upward on the ramp and rammed the vehicle through the fence.

Deputy Robles positioned his patrol vehicle behind Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle on the slopped surface of the ramp. Deputy Robles indicated his patrol vehicle was positioned approximately eight to 12 feet behind Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle in an upward position. Due to the slope, Deputy Robles indicated Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle was on higher ground than the patrol vehicle.

The front passenger, who initially pointed the firearm at Deputy Robles, exited the rear passenger side door and ran east. When Deputy Robles saw the rear passenger side door open, he feared Witness [redacted] would come out with the firearm and shoot at him and his partner. Witness [redacted] had a satchel attached to his body.

As soon as Deputy Robles stepped out of the patrol vehicle, the sloping angle of the ground they traversed, caused the driver's side door to close. Deputy Robles positioned himself off to the left, away from his patrol vehicle. Deputy Robles indicated he would not have been able to have visibility, stay behind cover, or aim his firearm at the suspect had he remained at the A-frame of the patrol vehicle. He explained because of his height and the upward slope he would have to stand on his "tippy toes" **(Interview Transcripts, Deputy Jaime Robles, page 61)** and place his firearm through the patrol vehicle's window.

Deputy Robles stood directly behind Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle and verbally commanded Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Robles heard the vehicle engine rev, saw the white lights of the vehicle turned on, and noticed the vehicle jerked as it accelerated in reverse. Deputy Robles feared Suspect Rodriguez would run him over with his vehicle and try anything to escape. Before firing his duty firearm, Deputy Robles feared Suspect Rodriguez would kill him.

Deputy Robles fired three consecutive rounds while standing approximately three feet away from Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Deputy Robles' shots were aimed at the rear passenger side window to shoot at the driver, Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Robles could not recall if he shot from a static or moving position. After firing his firearm, Suspect Rodriguez stopped his vehicle. Deputy Robles reassessed and relocated behind his patrol vehicle.

Deputy Robles estimated his distance to the vehicle to be approximately 3 feet, and approximately 6 feet of distance to Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Robles observed his rounds strike the rear passenger side window. Deputy Robles intended to hit Suspect Rodriguez to stop the vehicle from reversing directly at him. Had Deputy Robles have not discharged his firearm, Suspect Rodriguez would have run him over and possibly killed him. Deputy Robles believed only one occupant was left in the vehicle; however, he could not see the driver when he fired his weapon because the vehicle's rear windshield and side windows were tinted.

As Suspect Rodriguez reversed his vehicle, Deputy Robles considered moving to a position of safety; however, he was trapped due to the confined space. There was a ledge with an approximately 8 to 10 feet elevation drop to his left side. Deputy Robles could not move forward due to Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Had Deputy Robles moved to his right side toward his patrol vehicle, he would have been crushed by Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle and his patrol vehicle, and there was a light pole behind him. Deputy Robles admitted he was not behind cover during the shooting, and he could not recall if he had concealment. Deputy Robles' backdrop was parked vehicles, and trailers, and no civilians or deputies were in his line of fire. There was no danger of crossfire due to Detective Zeas' was positioned on the passenger side of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Robles indicated that the light pole behind him illuminated the area of the shooting.

While Deputy Robles took cover at the rear of the patrol vehicle, Deputy Robles heard a woman's voice inside Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle which indicated someone was struck with gunfire. Deputy Robles heard Detective Zeas broadcast radio traffic of a deputy involved in a shooting. Detective Zeas also requested paramedics to respond. Upon the arrival of additional units, the deputies approached Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Believing someone was injured, the deputies made a tactical plan and approached the vehicle to extract the occupants and to render aid.

Suspect Rodriguez, who was initially drove the vehicle, was seated on the rear seat. A female, identified as Witness [redacted] was seated in the front passenger seat. Once

both occupants were removed from the vehicle, Deputy Robles was sequestered away from the scene and transported to ELA station by Sergeant Jimenez.

**IAB Note: IAB investigators presented Deputy Robles with the opportunity to review video footage captured on his BWC depicting the incident. Before reviewing the BWC footage, IAB investigators read Deputy Robles the Manual of Policy and Procedures section 3-10/115.00, Video Advisement. Deputy Robles did not have anything else to add after he reviewed his BWC.**

**IAB Note: During the interview, Deputy Robles was provided a series of reference photographs [Exhibit D] of the location, which were made available to facilitate his recollection of the incident.**

## EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

### Detective Xavier Zeas

On December 20, 2022, Detective Zeas was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Argelia Huerta and Ivan Brenes. Attorney Ken Yuwiler, from the law firm Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC (RLS), represented Detective Zeas.

On April 15, 2022, Detective Zeas and his partner, Deputy Robles, were assigned to the SPT at ELA station as Unit 20E3. Detective Zeas worked the PM shift from [redacted] hours and was scheduled to work the EM shift from [redacted] hours in a two-person marked police vehicle. Deputy Robles was the driver and Detective Zeas was the front passenger.

Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas traveled west on 1st Street, near Alma Avenue, in their marked patrol vehicle. Their attention was drawn to a black BMW traveling east on 1st Street in the opposite direction. Detective Zeas recognized the driver of the BMW from previous contacts as Suspect Rodriguez, a member of the criminal street gang, "El Hoyo Maravilla" with the moniker of "Bigs." The front passenger of Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle pointed a firearm at their patrol vehicle as it traveled east. Detective Zeas and Deputy Robles had a brief conversation with one another and confirmed they both saw the front passenger point a firearm at them. Deputy Robles continued driving west and made a U-turn at the intersection of 1st Street and Indiana Street to follow Suspect Rodriguez.

The deputies traveled east on 1st Street and observed Suspect Rodriguez turn south on Hicks Avenue. Detective Zeas requested emergent radio clearance to initiate a pre-stop coordination, but Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle increased speed and attempted to evade them. Deputy Robles activated the patrol vehicle's red lights and siren and initiated a vehicle pursuit. Detective Zeas explained he inadvertently broadcasted they were in a vehicle pursuit of a brandishing of a firearm suspect vehicle instead of

broadcasting an assault with a deadly weapon suspect vehicle. As the vehicle pursuit continued, Detective Zeas maintained his radio traffic was concise and updated their direction of travel and their speeds. During the vehicle pursuit, Detective Zeas explained he inadvertently stated one occupant was inside Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle instead of two. The vehicle pursuit traveled west on the Interstate 60 Freeway. Detective Zeas observed an unknown black object discarded from the passenger side of Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle over the freeway embankment.

As Suspect Rodriguez traversed on the Interstate 10 Freeway, he exited on Santa Fe Avenue. Suspect Rodriguez made several unsafe turns to evade deputies and failed to stop at posted stop signs. The vehicle pursuit traveled through an unfamiliar jurisdiction. Detective Zeas was concerned he would not be able to set up a containment if the suspects ran on foot. Detective Zeas did not consider terminating the vehicle pursuit and explained, "I think it would have created a greater risk to the public if we allow a vehicle that's armed, that's willing to assault a peace officer by pointing a gun at them, I think it poses a greater risk by allowing that sort of individual or individuals to I guess remain outstanding" **(Interview Transcripts, Detective Xavier Zeas, page 26)**. The vehicle pursuit continued through a parking lot of a business on Mission Road. Detective Zeas believed one of the occupants tried to exit Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle as he noticed the rear passenger side door started to open.

Suspect Rodriguez drove southeast and onto an upward road toward a locked chain link fence. Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle collided against the chain link fence. The deputies positioned their patrol vehicle one car length from Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Detective Zeas noticed the rear passenger side door of Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle opened and observed the front passenger, who had pointed a firearm at them, exit the vehicle. The front passenger fled in a southeast direction.

Detective Zeas exited and positioned himself at the A-frame of the patrol vehicle. Detective Zeas broadcasted on his radio that a person with a gun ran away from the vehicle. Detective Zeas looked toward Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle as the engine revved and reversed toward the patrol vehicle and Deputy Robles. Detective Zeas recalled there was a drop on the driver's side of the patrol vehicle, where Deputy Robles was positioned.

When Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle collided with the patrol vehicle, Detective Zeas heard Deputy Robles discharged two rounds from his firearm. Detective Zeas was positioned off to the right of the patrol vehicle and could not see Deputy Robles. After the shooting, Detective Zeas repositioned himself toward the rear bumper of the patrol vehicle where he could see Deputy Robles and to prevent any potential crossfire. Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle engine stopped revving and Detective Zeas initiated emergent radio traffic that a deputy-involved shooting had occurred.

Detective Zeas observed a female occupant, identified as Witness [redacted] in the front passenger seat who said she was shot. The driver's seat of the suspect vehicle was empty. Detective Zeas requested paramedics and ordered Witness [redacted] to show

her hands. Upon the arrival of assisting units and Sergeant Jimenez, they formulated a team to approach Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle so they could render aid to the occupants. Once the deputies approached Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle, Detective Zeas observed Suspect Rodriguez seated in the rear seat of his vehicle. Detective Zeas was advised by personnel there was a firearm inside the vehicle which was recovered SSB personnel.

**IAB Note: IAB investigators presented Detective Zeas with the opportunity to review video footage captured on his BWC, Deputy Robles' BWC and video surveillance depicting the incident. Before reviewing the BWC footage, IAB investigators read Detective Zeas the Manual of Policy and Procedures section 3-10/115.00, Video Advisement.**

After Detective Zeas reviewed his BWC footage, IAB investigators discussed post pursuit tactics with Detective Zeas which included his positioning, turning his back toward the suspect's vehicle, and where he had his firearm pointed. Detective Zeas explained there was a lot of moving parts which followed the shooting. Detective Zeas was unfamiliar with the jurisdiction and recalled the urgency to find an address for their location to provide to responding units. Detective Zeas described he was "a moving containment within" himself after he determined Deputy Robles had taken a static position **(Interview Transcripts, Detective Xavier Zeas, page 45)**. Detective Zeas explained he did not have his firearm drawn when there was no target to be acquired.

**IAB Note: During the interview, Detective Zeas was provided a series of reference photographs [Exhibit D] of the location, which were made available to facilitate his recollection of the incident.**

**Sergeant Ruben Jimenez**

On December 7, 2022, Sergeant Jimenez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Argelia Huerta and Anselmo Gonzalez, at the Maywood substation.

On April 15, 2022, Sergeant Jimenez was assigned to work EM shift, as Unit 20S, the field sergeant at ELA station. Sergeant Jimenez heard an emergency radio broadcast that Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas were involved in a vehicle pursuit. Sergeant Jimenez acknowledged the pursuit and responded. During the pursuit, the deputies updated their speed, direction of travel, and the number of occupants inside the vehicle. Sergeant Jimenez heard deputies transmit radio traffic that a deputy-involved shooting had occurred with the occupants of the pursued vehicle.

Sergeant Jimenez responded and arrived within four to five minutes of the terminus of the pursuit. Sergeant Jimenez observed a chain link fence and a marked patrol vehicle behind Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle. Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle appeared to have crashed into the chain link fence where the pursuit ended. Detective Zeas was

positioned on the passenger side of the marked patrol vehicle as he detained the occupants of the suspect vehicle at gunpoint.

After being informed of two occupants inside the suspect vehicle, one having possibly sustained a gunshot wound, Sergeant Jimenez formulated a plan to extract the occupants. Sergeant Jimenez assigned Deputy An Luu, [redacted] to a ballistic shield and another deputy to the less lethal 40mm baton launcher. Paramedics were requested and remained on standby. The deputies approached the suspect vehicle and extracted the male and the female occupants from the vehicle. Both occupants were uninjured and cooperated. Sergeant Jimenez developed a team to search for the male occupant who fled from the vehicle. The male occupant that fled was not located.

Following the incident, Sergeant Jimenez conducted a debriefing and discussed tactics leading up to the incident, crime scene preservation, searching for outstanding suspects, and location awareness. Sergeant Jimenez transported Deputy Robles and Detective Zeas to the station and ensured they were sequestered.

**NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES**

**Witness [redacted]**

**ELA Station Interview**

On April 16, 2022, Deputies Perez, and Rojas, conducted a video-recorded interview **[Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #1]** with Witness [redacted] at ELA station following the deputy-involved shooting. The interview was converted into an audio file and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] stated she no longer resided with her mother and was homeless. Witness [redacted] admitted to being in the vehicle with Suspect Rodriguez who was a member of the criminal street gang "El Hoyo Maravilla." Witness [redacted] claimed she was a former member of the same gang as well and went by the moniker [redacted] Earlier in the evening, she was at the Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles, with Suspect Rodriguez. They were picked up by Suspect Rodriguez' friend and another male in a black BMW.

While they were in the black BMW, Witness [redacted] was seated in the front passenger seat, and Suspect Rodriguez and another male were seated in the backseat. Witness [redacted] indicated the driver had the letter "P" tattooed on the left side of his face. Witness [redacted] described the driver as "tall and chunky" who wore a white shirt, gray shorts, and white socks **(Interview Transcripts, [redacted] page 8)**.

They headed toward the bridge where Witness [redacted] would be dropped off at [redacted] a commercial center located at [redacted] Los Angeles. When they saw the deputies, the driver of the BMW sped off. Witness [redacted] turned back and observed the lights and heard the siren as the deputies followed them. The driver came

to a stop when the vehicle crashed against a fence. The driver immediately exited through the driver's side door and ran. Witness [redacted] and Suspect Rodriguez remained inside the vehicle. Witness [redacted] believed the fourth occupant also ran out of the vehicle, but she did not see when he exited. Witness [redacted] did not recognize the other occupants. Witness [redacted] claimed she did not see any firearms in the vehicle.

After the BMW crashed against the fence, Witness [redacted] claimed a patrol vehicle collided with the passenger side of the BMW. Witness [redacted] heard gunshots that were aimed at the driver. Witness [redacted] was uninjured and declined medical treatment.

**IAB Interview**

IAB investigators attempted to contact Witness [redacted] for an interview, but she was unable to be located, as Witness [redacted] told deputies she was homeless.

**Witness [redacted]**

**ELA Station Interview**

On April 16, 2022, Deputy Luu, was assigned to work EM shift as Unit 21 at ELA Station and conducted a video-recorded interview with Witness [redacted] at the location following the deputy-involved shooting **[Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #3]**. The BWC recorded interview was converted into an audio file and transcribed. There was no audible dialogue for the first minute.

Witness [redacted] was seated inside her parked vehicle under the bridge when she heard a bang which consisted of a crash. Witness [redacted] then heard gunshots and observed a man running. The male was in his 20's, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and holding a bag. The male was skinny with dark hair and wore a gray shirt.

**IAB Interview**

On December 6, 2022, IAB Sergeant Huerta contacted Witness [redacted] over the phone and requested that she participate in an interview. Witness [redacted] declined to be interviewed regarding the incident.

**Witness [redacted]**

**ELA Station Interview**

On April 16, 2022, Deputies Perez and Rojas conducted a video-recorded interview with Witness [redacted] at the location following the deputy-involved shooting **[Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #3]**. The BWC recorded interview was converted into an audio file and transcribed. There was no audible dialogue for the first minute.

Witness [redacted] worked for [redacted] and was the [redacted] at the location. Witness [redacted] was inside the [redacted] when she heard a siren and saw lights flashing from the north side of the warehouse. Witness [redacted] noticed a Sheriff's patrol vehicle chased the suspect vehicle from the north side of the gate. Witness [redacted] observed the suspect vehicle's front passenger door opened and a male occupant prepared to run. Witness [redacted] recalled the front passenger was tall and fair skinned. The suspect vehicle continued and rammed through a closed gate. The suspect vehicle drove in reverse and struck the patrol vehicle. Within approximately ten seconds, Witness [redacted] heard two to three gunshots. Witness [redacted] observed the deputy standing outside the patrol vehicle; however, she did not see him shoot his firearm.

**IAB Note:** **Witness [redacted] was also interviewed by Deputy Jacob Dominguez, [redacted] who was assigned to work EM shift as Unit 27H, at ELA [Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #4, video mark 1:00 to 02:45].**

**IAB Interview**

On December 30, 2022, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Argelia Huerta.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] at the scene of the shooting and was inside the [redacted] when she heard a siren. Witness [redacted] saw the flashing lights of a patrol vehicle as it followed a black sedan with two occupants. Witness [redacted] believed the front passenger prepared to run because the door was open, and his leg hung out of the vehicle. The driver of the black sedan made a wide turn onto an uphill ramp and collided against a locked fence. The fence fell on top of the black sedan and the front passenger fled from the area on foot. The black sedan shifted into reverse and rammed the patrol vehicle to get away. The deputies ordered the driver to stop but the black sedan reversed again and rammed the driver's side of the patrol vehicle. Witness [redacted] saw a deputy shoot approximately four to six times at the black sedan.

**Witness [redacted]**

**ELA Station Interview**

On April 16, 2022, Deputies Dominguez and Luu, conducted a video-recorded interview **with** Witness [redacted] at the location following the deputy-involved shooting **[Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #4, video mark 3:00 to 06:11]**. The BWC recorded interview was converted into an audio file and transcribed **(Interview Transcripts, [redacted] #7a, pages 4-9).**

Witness [redacted] parked his [redacted] truck along the south [redacted] and stood on the east side of his truck. Witness [redacted] observed vehicles driving around the warehouse. The passenger side door of the BMW was opened, and a male

Hispanic wearing a white T-shirt, and dark-colored pants with a satchel across his chest was about to jump out of the vehicle. The BMW took a wide turn and rammed the gate, but the vehicle could not continue through the gate. The deputies parked their patrol vehicle close behind the BMW. The BMW drove in reverse and rammed the driver's side of the patrol vehicle approximately three to four times. The BMW drove toward the deputy, and "tried to kill him" **(Interview Transcripts, [redacted] #7a, page 7)**. Witness [redacted] heard the deputy fire two gunshots. Simultaneously, the male Hispanic wearing a white shirt and a satchel jumped out of the passenger's side of the BMW and ran out toward a tunnel.

**IAB Interview**

On December 6, 2022, IAB Sergeant Argelia Huerta interviewed Witness [redacted] over the phone.

On April 15, 2022, Witness [redacted] stated he was an [redacted] when he heard a siren and observed a patrol vehicle follow a black sedan through the Dependable warehouse's parking lot. The black sedan drove uphill and crashed against a locked gate. A man with a black hooded sweatshirt and a backpack jumped out of the front passenger's side door of the black sedan and ran toward the Olympic Boulevard Bridge. The driver of the black sedan reversed and rammed into a patrol vehicle. Witness [redacted] heard gunfire and observed a police officer on the driver's side of the patrol vehicle shoot into the black sedan. Witness [redacted] then heard a girl scream. Witness [redacted] could not recall how many gunshots he heard, but it was more than one.

**Witness [redacted]**

**ELA Station Interview**

On May 17, 2022, Deputies Perez, and Rojas, conducted a video-recorded interview with Witness [redacted] at ELA station following his arrest **[Exhibit B - Videos, Witness Interviews, Video #5]**. The interview was converted into an audio file and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] told deputies he was picked up in a black four-door sedan by "Bigs" (Suspect Rodriguez) and Witness [redacted] who he referred to as [redacted]' and an individual from the criminal street gang, "Primera Flats." Witness [redacted] indicated Suspect Rodriguez was the driver of the black sedan. Witness [redacted] was initially seated in the front passenger seat and Witness [redacted] was seated in the backseat.

Witness [redacted] switched seats with Witness [redacted] and moved to the back seat. Witness [redacted] fell asleep. Witness [redacted] was awakened during the vehicle pursuit. Witness [redacted] noticed the individual from "Primera Flats" was no longer inside the vehicle and the passenger side door was open. Witness [redacted] closed the door and told Suspect Rodriguez to stop. During the vehicle pursuit, Suspect Rodriguez collided against a fence, and Witness [redacted] exited the rear passenger side door and

fled. While fleeing from the vehicle, Witness [redacted] heard two to three gunshots. Witness [redacted] could not see who fired the shots. Witness [redacted] admitted he saw a black and silver firearm inside the suspect vehicle but denied he pointed the firearm at deputies.

### IAB Interview

On December 5, 2022, IAB Sergeants Argelia Huerta and Ivan Brenes attempted to interview Witness [redacted] at the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility. Witness [redacted] was unable to be interviewed because of a medical quarantine. On December 16, 2022, IAB investigators reattempted to interview Witness [redacted] but were unable to because of a medical quarantine.

## SUSPECT

### Suspect Rogelio Rodriguez

On December 5, 2022, IAB Sergeants Argelia Huerta and Ivan Brenes, contacted Suspect Rodriguez at the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) and requested that he participate in an interview. Suspect Rodriguez declined to be interviewed regarding the incident.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On May 17, 2022, ELA detectives conducted a search warrant operation following the arrest of Witness [redacted] **[Exhibit A - Reports]**. The search warrant operation was depicted on BWC **[Exhibit B - Videos, Search Warrant Operation BWC]**.